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AMEND Senate Bill No. 7001*

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by deleting Section 3-6-305(b)(10) in Section 33 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(10)

(A) Food, refreshments, meals or beverages, that are provided by an employer of a lobbyist in connection with an in-state event to which invitations are extended to an official or officials in the legislative branch or official or officials in the executive branch; provided, that no employer of a lobbyist may provide a gift of food, refreshments, meals or beverages, the value of which to the official exceeds fifty dollars (\$50.00) per event, excluding sales tax and gratuity; and provided further, that the value of a gift made pursuant to this subdivision may not be reduced below the monetary limit by dividing the cost of the gift among two (2) or more employers of lobbyists;

(B) Within seven (7) days following the end of each month, each employer of a lobbyist shall electronically file with the ethics commission an expenditure disclosure statement which shall detail each expenditure an employer of a lobbyist made under subdivision (10)(A) during the previous reporting period if such expenditure was five dollars (\$5.00) or more per person, excluding sales tax and gratuity. The five dollar (\$5.00) amount reporting threshold shall not be circumvented by dividing the cost of the expenditure among two (2) or more employers of lobbyists. If there are no expenditures to be disclosed, no filing shall be necessary. The statement shall disclose the following information:

- (i) Date of each expenditure;
- (ii) To whom each expenditure was paid;

(iii) Name of any official in the legislative branch or official in the executive branch who benefited from each expenditure along with the actual amount spent for that official, excluding sales tax and gratuity; and

(iv) Description of the expenditure such as food, refreshments, meals or beverages.

(C) Within seven (7) days following the end of each month, the governor, each member of the governor's cabinet, cabinet level staff, and each member of the general assembly shall electronically file with the ethics commission a disclosure statement which shall detail each expenditure the person benefited from under subdivision (10)(A) during the previous reporting period if such expenditure is estimated to be five dollars (\$5.00) or more per event, excluding sales tax and gratuity. If there are no expenditures to be disclosed, no filing shall be necessary. The statement shall disclose the following information:

(i) Date of each expenditure;

(ii) Name of the employer or employers of a lobbyist who made the expenditure;

(iii) A good faith estimate of the amount of each expenditure, excluding sales tax and gratuity; and

(iv) Description of the expenditure such as food, refreshments, meals, or beverages;

(D) Revisions to a statement or failure to file a statement by the governor, member of the governor's cabinet, cabinet level staff, or member of the general assembly under this subdivision (10) shall not be a violation of this section or considered a late filing if the governor, member of the governor's cabinet, cabinet level staff, or member of the general assembly revises such statement or files such statement within ten (10) days of having knowledge that the expenditure was required to be reported. Repeated late filings as defined by the ethics commission will be a violation of this section;

(E) The fifty dollar (\$50.00) amount in subdivision (10)(A) shall be increased to the nearest five dollar (\$5.00) amount to reflect the percentage of change in the average consumer price index (all items-city average) as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor statistics, every odd-numbered year on January 1 starting in 2007. The ethics commission shall publish the increased amount on its web site;

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following as a new subdivision in § 3-6-305(b)(6) in Section 33 of the bill:

(C) Benefits of participation in events held within the state and sponsored by, or for the benefit of, charitable organizations as defined in § 48-101-501(1) if provided by an employer of a lobbyist to an official in the executive branch or to an official in the legislative branch; provided, that such events must be open to participation by persons other than officials in the executive branch or officials in the legislative branch or such official's immediate family and any benefits received must not be enhanced due to the status of the official in the executive or legislative branch, or provided that invitations are extended to the entire membership of the general assembly.

Any employer of a lobbyist who provides the benefit of participation in such events shall within seven (7) days following the end of each month electronically file with the ethics commission an expenditure disclosure statement which shall detail each expenditure an employer of a lobbyist made under this subdivision during the previous reporting period if such expenditure was five dollars (\$5.00) or more per person, excluding sales tax and gratuity. The five dollar (\$5.00) amount reporting threshold shall not be circumvented by dividing the cost of the expenditure among two (2) or more employers of lobbyists. If there are no expenditures to be disclosed, no filing shall be necessary. The statement shall disclose the following information:

(i) Date of each expenditure;

(ii) To whom each expenditure was paid;

(iii) Name of any official in the legislative branch or official in the executive branch who benefited from each expenditure along with the actual amount spent for that official, excluding sales tax and gratuity; and

(iv) Description of the expenditure.

Within seven (7) days following the end of each month, the governor, each member of the governor's cabinet, cabinet level staff, and each member of the general assembly shall electronically file with the ethics commission a disclosure statement which shall detail each expenditure the person benefited from under this subdivision during the previous reporting period if such expenditure is estimated to be five dollars (\$5.00) or more per event, excluding sales tax and gratuity. If there are no expenditures to be disclosed, no filing shall be necessary. The statement shall disclose the following information:

(i) Date of each expenditure;

(ii) Name of the employer or employers of a lobbyist who made the expenditure;

(iii) A good faith estimate of the amount of each expenditure, excluding sales tax and gratuity; and

(iv) Description of the expenditure;